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SUBJECT:U.S. REPRESENTATION ON UNESCO VENICE ADVISORY
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1. AFTER AN EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH FOR CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO UNESCO INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY
COMMITTEE FOR THE SAFEGUARDING OF VENICE, U.S. NATCOM RE-
COMMENDS FOLLOWING TWO CANDIDATES: EDWIN O. ADAMS, RETIRED
FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, AUTHOR AND LECTURER AND VENICE
EXPERT; AND CLEMENT M. SILVESTRO, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT'S
ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

2. EXTENSIVE SURVEY INCLUDED FOLLOWING CANDIDATES: CLARE
BOOTH LUCE, FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN AND US AMBASSADOR TO
ITALY; CONGRESSWOMAN MILLICENT FENWICK (REPUBLICAN - NEW
JERSEY), CONGRESSMAN JOHN SEIBERLING (DEMOCRAT - OHIO).
ALL EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SUBJECT INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL
PRESERVATION BUT UNABLE GUARANTEE ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS
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OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE. BOTH ADAMS AND SILVESTRO HAVE
EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST AND WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ON RE-
SPONSIBILITIES OF POSITION AND TO PARTICIPATE IN ALL MEET-
INGS. PAUL PERROT (SMITHSONIAN) AND ROBERT GARVEY

(ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION AND U.S. NATCOM

MEMBER) STRONGLY ENDORSE CANDIDACY SILVESTRO.

3. BIO DATA FOLLOWS: EDWIN M. ADAMS, RETIRED FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, AUTHOR AND LECTURER, AWARDED CAVALIERE DELLA MERITO DECORATION AND TITLE BY ITALIAN GOVERNMENT FOR HIS PROGRAM AND FILM ON VENICE; FLUENCY IN ITALIAN AND HAS SPENT PART OF EACH OF PAST 25 YEARS IN VENICE IN ADDITION TO EARLIER ASSIGNMENTS TO EMBASSY ROME.

4. CLEMENT M. SILVESTRO, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISTORIC PRESERVATION, DIRECTOR, "THE MUSEUM OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE", LEXINGTON, MASS.; FORMER DIRECTOR, CHICAGO HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MEMBER ICOM, STUDIED IN ITALY AND SPEAKS LANGUAGE. FOR FURTHER DETAILS, CONSULT 1974-75 WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA.

5. BOTH CANDIDATES ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED AND INTERESTED IN ASSIGNMENT. ADAMS HAS HAD CONSIDERABLE DIPLOMATIC, LEGAL AND POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AT INTERGOVERNMENTAL LEVELS WITH DEGREES IN BOTH HUMANITIES AND LAW, BUT AT PRESENT HAS NO OFFICIAL INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATION. ON OTHER HAND, SILVESTRO AS HISTORIAN HAS HAD EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND IN MUSEUM AND PRESERVATION WORK, AND IS WELL-CONNECTED INSTITUTIONALLY. HOWEVER, NATCOM SECRETARIAT UNAWARE OF EXTENT OF SILVESTRO'S EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS INCLUDING QUESTIONS OF A POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC NATURE. KISSINGER

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